

What is claimed is: Claims

1(currently amended). A device ~~(11)~~ for generating fragrances, **comprising:**
having
a steam generator ~~(38)~~,
a main steam line ~~(39)~~ extending from the steam generator to a steam outlet
~~(41)~~, and
a vessel ~~(13)~~, within which a receptacle ~~(26)~~ for scent carriers ~~(28)~~ is arranged,
wherein ~~where~~ a steam supply line ~~(15)~~ from the steam generator is routed into
the vessel and steam exiting therefrom heats the scent carriers **for one of instigating
and enhancing** ~~in order to instigate, or enhance, the evolution of fragrance.~~

2(currently amended). A device according to claim 1, wherein steam exiting
the steam supply line ~~(15)~~ is conducted directly to the scent carrier ~~(28)~~, where a steam
exhaust line ~~(16)~~ exits the vessel ~~(13)~~ in order to conduct away steam that has been
saturated with scent.

3(currently amended). A device according to claim 2, wherein the receptacle
comprises at least one of ~~is configured similarly to~~ a sieve **and a**, ~~or mesh that []~~ is
permeable to steam ~~and, in particular, is a sieve (26) that serves as a carrier sieve.~~

4(currently amended). A device according to claim 1, wherein steam from
the steam supply line ~~(15)~~ is conducted to the receptacle ~~(26)~~, without its coming into
contact with the scent carriers ~~(26)~~, **and wherein** ~~where~~ the fragrance, ~~or scent,~~
liberated from the scent carriers is conducted directly into the steam ~~room and the~~
~~receptacle (26) is preferably impervious to steam.~~

5(currently amended). A device according to **claim 1** ~~any of the foregoing~~
~~claims~~, wherein the steam supply line ~~(15)~~ exiting the steam generator ~~(38)~~ **is to the**
steam outlet comprises a bypass line ~~(40)~~, **and wherein a greater part** ~~where most~~ of
the steam is conducted to the steam outlet ~~(41)~~ by the main steam line ~~(40)~~.

6(currently amended). A device according to claim 1 ~~any of the foregoing claims~~, wherein the steam supply line (15) is routed directly to the vessel (13) and indirectly to the receptacle (26) for scent carriers (28), ~~and is preferably directed toward the interior of the receptacle.~~

7(currently amended). A device according to claim 1, ~~any of the foregoing claims~~ having facilities for capping one of the steam supply line (15) entering the vessel (13), ~~or~~ and the receptacle (26), ~~preferably using a separate cap (21), where, in particular, the cap may be moved~~ that is movable over an aperture on the steam supply line (15) entering the vessel, from outside the vessel.

8(currently amended). A device according to claim 1, ~~any of the foregoing claims~~ ~~having~~ further comprising an insert (29) situated within the vessel (13) that has a baseplate (21), ~~where~~ wherein the baseplate overlaps the aperture on the steam supply line (15) and has an aperture (22) that ~~may~~ can be brought into at least partial ~~or accurate~~, coincidence with the opening therein by rotating the baseplate, ~~where, preferably, a detenting device, with which a rotation thereof through certain angles may be preset, is provided.~~

9(currently amended). A device according to claim 1 ~~any of the foregoing claims~~, wherein a ~~the~~ height of an ~~the~~ aperture on the steam supply line (15) entering the vessel (13) exceeds that of an ~~the~~ aperture on a ~~the~~ steam exhaust line (16) exiting the vessel.

10(currently amended). A device according to claim 1 ~~any of the foregoing claims~~, further comprising a lid for capping ~~wherein the vessel (13) may be capped, where it preferably may be capped by a lid (30) that may be released and opens at a certain overpressure.~~

11(currently amended). A device according to claim 10, wherein the lid (30) has a broad rim (31) that overhangs a ~~the~~ cross-section of the vessel (13), ~~where the rim preferably has an increased wall thickness.~~

12(currently amended). A device according to claim 10 ~~or claim 11~~, wherein the lid (30) is convexly domed and has a laterally broadened section (33) and an increased wall thickness on its upper end, ~~where a neck (32) is preferably formed between its laterally broadened section and its lower section.~~

13(currently amended). A device according to claim 12, wherein the broadened section (33) on the upper end of the lid is broad enough to that it will extend into an the interior of the vessel when the lid (30) is inverted and placed atop the vessel (13), ~~where the broadened section thereof preferably abuts against the vessel's inner surface and forms a seal therewith.~~

14(currently amended). A device according to claim 10 ~~of any of claims 10—13~~, wherein the lid (30) has a recess (35) in its interior extending substantially nearly up to the lid's upper surface, ~~where the recess preferably lies within the vessel (13) when the lid is inverted and placed atop the vessel in order to form the receptacle.~~

15(currently amended). A device according to claim 10 ~~of any of claims 10—14~~, wherein further comprising a prong (24), ~~which preferably extends upward and that serves as a handgrip for use in removing the lid (30), is arranged on the latter.~~

16(currently amended). A device according to claim 1 ~~any of the foregoing claims~~, wherein the receptacle (26) ~~may be removed~~ is removable from the vessel (13).

17(new). A device according to claim 3, wherein the receptacle comprises a carrier sieve.

18(new). A device according to claim 4, wherein the receptacle is impervious to steam.

19(new). A device according to claim 6, wherein the steam supply line is directed toward an interior of the receptacle for scent carriers.

20(new). A device according to claim 8, further comprising a detenting device that can be preset by rotation through certain angles to adjust said aperture.

21(new). A device according to claim 10, wherein the lid is releasable at a certain overpressure.

22(new). A device according to claim 12, wherein a neck is formed between a laterally broadened section and a lower section of said lid.

23(new). A device according to claim 13, wherein the broadened section of the lid abuts against an inner surface of the vessel and forms a seal therewith.

24(new). A device according to claim 14, wherein the recess lies within the vessel when the lid is inverted and placed atop the vessel in order to form the receptacle.